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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. McCONE

1. Please note that the attached proposal by Gilpatric establishes a review committee for NRO in which the chairman of the committee is the Director of NRO and the two members of the committee are the monitors designated by McNamara and you to review the Program on behalf of both of you in accordance with the NRO Agreement. This makes no more sense than my chairing a committee on which you and Secretary McNamara are members.

2. Wheelon, McMillan, Fubini and I met in the Pentagon on the morning of 5 December and we all agreed to meet bi-weekly. We will take turns meeting in one of our four offices, and the man in whose office the meeting will be held will act as chairman and will be responsible for keeping appropriate minutes (he would also furnish the coffee). All four members will suggest agenda items to the man who will chair the next meeting. Fubini chaired the 5 December session and our next meeting is scheduled for December 17 in McMillan's office. The meeting following that will be in my office and then in Wheelon's office and so on ad infinitum. It was agreed that only two copies of the minutes would be kept: one for CIA and one for DOD; and that the minutes will be closely sequestered. This procedure makes abundant sense to me since it results in a family type picnic, with a different bastard each meeting. These meetings should provide worthwhile review of the NRP, in accordance with the intent of the Gilpatric letter.

3. Incidentally, I suspect that McMillan authored the Gilpatric letter and that Fubini is unaware of it since it was Fubini who took the lead at the 5 December meeting in suggesting the ways in which the four of us can proceed.

4. Since I will not be at the morning meeting because of my annual physical exam and since I will be in bed with a whole passel of Marine generals from 10:30 through lunch, I wanted you to have my views as soon as possible.

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